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REP. BERNIER COMMENTS ON FOXCONN BILL IN STATE ASSEMBLY

Madison – Today the State Assembly voted, in a special session of the legislature called by Governor Walker, in favor of the Foxconn bill which will create an estimated 13,000 jobs in SE Wisconsin and bring \$10 billion in investment to our state.

Representative Kathy Bernier (R-Lake Hallie) gave the following statement on the Assembly's vote today:

"This is a great day for Wisconsin and Wisconsin workers. While I don't love the notion of providing financial incentives, I can't ignore the reality that without them this deal would not be possible. Michigan and many other states would be happy to step in and steal this opportunity from us without batting an eye.

"The bill does a good job of ensuring commitment from the company while tying incentives to actual jobs created. We can measure the promises made by Foxconn. Should Foxconn fall short, so does the agreement. Included in the bill is a 'claw back' provision so that if Foxconn does not meet their obligation to the State of Wisconsin, the state can recoup any credits issued to Foxconn."

"Wisconsin educates some the finest engineers, doctors, information technology and business specialists from around the country and, indeed, the world. Often, we lament that our own educated young adults leave our state after graduation (the so-called 'brain drain') for greater opportunity in other states. Foxconn, and businesses like it, present an excellent opportunity to retain and recruit bright and talented young adults to live, play, raise a family and call Wisconsin 'home.' It is for these reasons that I support the Foxconn package as presented to the Assembly."

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